Telecast of 'Parliament News'.

6598. SHRI.RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCAASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the object of telecasting the "Parliament News" programme is to convey the daily activities of the Government to the people; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to the change the time to telecast the programme earlier than it is being telecast; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir, The "Parliament News" telecast by Doordarshan is intended to provide to the viewers a summary of the daily proceedings in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present on account of the constraints of programme requirements and transmission time.

Drinking Water Problem Orissa

6599. SHRI. MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER bc pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes included/ proposed in the current Five Year Plan for the Permanent solution of the problem of drinking water in C issa and the total amount allocated for each scheme;and

(b) if there is no such scheme, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) The details of the schemes to be taken up and the outlay required in the Eighth Five Year Plan for solution of the problem of drinking water in Orissa will be worked out only after approach,policy and outlays for the Eighth Plan are finalised by Planning Commission.

[*English*]

New Industrial Policy

6601. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:
SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new industrial policy is likely to lead to laying of the labour force ir the industrial section;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action proposed to be taken by the Government to face this situation and to avoid any unemployment caused as a result of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The Statement on Industrial policy tabled in Parliament on 24th July, 1991 unambiguously declares the Government will fully protect the interests fo labour, enhance their welfare and equip them in all respects to deal with the inevitability of technological change.

[*Translation*]

Water Facility In Rural Areas

6602. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the facility of water has not been provided by the State in the bestows of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in rural ares;

(b) If so, whether the Government propose to provide special financial assistance to State for providing the said facility in these bestows; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a). No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Losses Incurred By I. C. I. LTD.

6603. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Chemical Industries Ltd., a big company in the field of chemicals, fertilisers and fibre, suffered a loss of about Rs. 12.20 crores in 1989-90 and this loss is likely to increase further this time;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the total loss suffered by this company since 1988:

(c) the causes of these continuous losses; and

(d) the short-term and long-term measures proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a). There is not such company as the "Indian Chemical Industries Ltd. ". However, the intention fo Hon'ble M.P. appears to refer to I.C.I. India Ltd. Whose abridged profit and Loss account for the years ended 31.3.1990 showed a loss after tax of Rs. 12,18,87,000. For the year 1990-91, the company made a profit after tax of Rs. 20,66,67,000 which includes the profit of Rs. 19.90 crores from the sale of one of its buildings at Bombay.

(b) The company has intimated that since 1988, loss was incurred only in the accounting year 1989-90.

(c): The company has intimated the following reasons for losses during 1989-90:

(i) Poor quality of power supply in Panki resulting in loss in production and sale of urea.

(ii) Abnormal start-up expenses incurred in connection with the expansion of their Fibres plant at Thane.

(iii) Low Volume Fibres sales resulting in under recovery of expenses.

(d) As per the Annual Report (1990-91), the company proposes to effect cost economies, productivity improvements and efficient deployment of assets and resources.

[*English*]

Setting Up Of Special Township with Japanese Assistance

6604. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up special townships in India with Japanese assistance to promote flow of foreign investment and technology into India.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have